

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, will be received by The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Physical Plant Division until 2:00 P.M., local time, on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at the Procurement Office in Building 1 on the USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) Halstead Road Campus, 703 East Beach Dr, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Bids should be sent to this address to the attention of Ms. Cathy Catchot. Following the submission of bids, they will be publicly opened and read at Halstead Road Campus Dining Hall (Building 31), for the following project:

**INVERTEBRATE GROWOUT II BUILDING
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI CEDAR POINT CAMPUS
OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI**

in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by

McCarty Architects, P.A.
533 West Main St.
Tupelo, MS 38804
(662) 844-4400

For bid documents, please go to www.mccartycompanyplans.com. Plans and specifications are now on file and may be examined or obtained from the Office of McCarty Architects, upon deposit of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) for each set to be refunded upon return of each complete set in good condition within fourteen (14) days after opening of bids, except that One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), to cover the cost of reproduction, will be deducted for each set in excess of one (1) from an actual prime contract bidder and One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each set from a subcontractor or material dealer. No refund will be due to a non-bidding prime contractor.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

- A. Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP)
Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development
Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street
Suite B 01
Jackson, MS 39201
- B. South MS Contract Procurement Center
1636 Popps Ferry Road, Suite 203
Biloxi, MS 39532
Phone (228) 396-1288

Any contract awarded under this Invitation for Bids may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the United States Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). Any contract resulting from this solicitation will be subject to the terms and conditions of the funding award, the RESTORE Act Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, the Standard Sub-Award Terms and Conditions, the RESTORE Act, 33 U. S. C. 1321(t), Treasury Regulations 31 C. F. R. § 34 et seq., including 31 C. F. R. §§ 34, Subpart D, all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C. F. R. Part 200 (including Appendix II to Part 200), and all other OMB circulars,

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executive orders or other federal laws or regulations, as applicable. Notwithstanding the above, neither MDEQ nor Treasury, or any of their agents, representatives, or employees, is or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract. Further, any contractor awarded a contract under this Invitation for Bids shall not be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ or Treasury.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs.

All bidders must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises.

Proposals shall be submitted on the blank bid form furnished with the specifications and must be accompanied by bid security in the form of Certified Check, Cashier's Check or acceptable Bid Bond, payable to University of Southern Mississippi in amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the base bid; such security to be forfeited as liquidated damages, not penalty, by any bidder who may be awarded the contract but who fails to carry out the terms of the proposal, execute the contract and post performance bond in the form and amount within the time specified. Bids shall not be modified on the exterior of the sealed envelope.

All bids submitted in excess of \$50,000.00 by a prime or subcontractor to do any erection, building, construction, repair, maintenance or related work, must comply with Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, by having a current Certificate of Responsibility from the State Board of Public Contractors. The current Certificate of Responsibility Number shall be indicated on the exterior of the sealed bid envelope before it can be opened.

In the letting of public contracts in the State of Mississippi, preference shall be given to resident contractors, and a non-resident bidder domiciled in a state having laws granting preference to local contractors shall be awarded Mississippi public contracts only on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi contractors bidding under similar circumstances; and resident contractors actually domiciled in Mississippi, be they corporate, individuals, or partnerships, are to be granted preference over non-residents in awarding of contracts in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the non-resident. When a non-resident contractor submits a bid for a public project, he shall attach thereto a copy of his resident state's current law pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for a period of ninety (90) days. The University of Southern Mississippi reserves the right to reject any or all bids on any or all projects and to waive informalities.

A pre-bid meeting will take place on October 7, 2021 at 10:00 am at the USM GCRL Cedar Point Campus Research Building, 300 Laurel Oak Dr., Ocean Springs, MS 39564. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

BY: Mr. Steve Ballew
TITLE: Director of Procurement and Contracts
The University of Southern Mississippi

If anyone prefers to submit their bid electronically, please follow the instructions below using the following website: https://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Home/Sell. If you are not already

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registered in this system, potential bidders will first need to click on “Supplier Registration” and follow the steps outlined (a one-time process). Once registered, return to the original website and click on “Procurement Opportunities” where you can either search by keyword for the bid you desire to respond to or leave the search box blank and click “Search” for a listing of all current bids and proposals for the various State of Mississippi offices.

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